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Overview

- DHCFP received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to administer scholarships and training opportunities to strengthen the health care workforce in Nevada
- Eligible current and future health care providers:
 - Community Health Workers
 - Doulas
 - J-1 Visa Waiver Physicians
 - Medical Assistants
 - Students required to complete a clinical rotation
 - Students pursuing graduate-level education in medicine, dentistry and clinical psychology



Eligibility

- These funding opportunities are intended for applicants who meet qualification in one of these areas:
 - Unemployed
 - Underemployed
 - Currently employed and seeking to move to a job that provides better economic advancement, such as higher wages or more opportunity for career advancement
 - At or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines



Contract Positions

- Three contract positions were approved to assist with planning the overall design, implementation, and administration of the ARPA Workforce Scholarship program, and to monitor the impact of the funding opportunities on Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Positions approved through 6/30/25
 - Social Services Chief 1
 - Social Services Program Specialist II
 - Management Analyst II



Training Modules

- Awarded scholarship recipients will be required to complete five training modules on the following topics before they receive funding:
 - ARPA Health Care Workforce Scholarships
 - Medicaid 101
 - Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
 - Nevada System of Care
 - Nevada Workforce Needs
 - Social Determinants of Health



Current Status

- Working with Reliable Health Services to actively recruit candidates for the contract positions
- Organizing an advisory committee to review Requests for Applications from interested community organizations
- Defining reporting requirements for awarded organizations and developing data collection tools
- Developing training modules that awarded recipients will be required to complete before receiving funding



Questions?



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Acronyms

- DHCFP – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (AKA Nevada Medicaid)
- PCO – Primary Care Office
- ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act
- HPSA – Health Professional Shortage Area